

and what ships there shall be appointed (as *they* shall suppose to serve theij turn), may do some notable exploit, to their great damage.

I most humbly pray your Lordship to carry this matter, so as FITZWILLIAMS may not have me in suspicion; and as speedy a determination for his despatch as conveniently may be. And so [I] leave to trouble your good lordship any further.

The 7th of June,
1571.

Your good Lordship's most humbly to
command,

J O H N HAWKINS.

Addressed—

To the Right Honourable Lord BURGHLEY,
give this!

J O H N HAWKINS.

*Letter of the ^th
September^ i 5 71,
announcing the success of the
intrigue.*

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MY VERY GOOD LORD,



IT MAY please your Honour to be advertised, that FITZWILLIAMS is returned from the Court of Spain; where his message was acceptably received, both by the King himself, the Duke of FERIA, and others of his Privy Council. His despatch and answer were with great expedition ; and with great countenance and favour of the King [*i.e., PHILLIP II. jumped at the idea of HAWKINS'S treachery*].

The *Articles* are sent to the Ambassador [*>.f., of Spain in England, Don GERREAU DESPES*], with order also for money to be paid me by him, for the enterprise to proceed with all diligence.

Their pretence [*design*] is, that my power should join with the Duke of ALVA's power, which he doth secretly provide in Flanders, as well as with the power which cometh with the Duke of MEDINA out of Spain: and so, all together to invade this realm, and set up the Queen of Scots.